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Christ The King November 25, 2012 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Fannie K., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Ryan K., Sarah D., Haylee Y., Gene R., Jesse K., Susan M., Tammy W., Josh B., Eric S., Jeanette S., Matt H., Cade C., Linda F., JoAnn B., Lura A., Herbert B., Joe and Pat F., Dave P., Jim M., and family of Paul W.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP
MEDITATION AND PRAYER
PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Today is the commemoration of Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, who died in 1748.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

C Amen

P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God our maker and redeemer,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God + forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

* GREETING

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE **(sung)**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

* HYMN OF PRAISE **(sung)** All Congregation

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I **Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II **Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I **Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:**

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II **For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE **(sung)**

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And al-so with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY **(spoken in unison)**

P *Let us pray...*

C **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The First Lesson is from the 7th chapter of Daniel.

THE LESSON READS:

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor and/or Choir

R – Sung by congregation (Re - jice, the Lord is King! Re-joyce, a – gain I say, re – jice!)

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and | armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from | everlasting.
R

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their voice; the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers | of the sea, mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- | evermore. **R**

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

THE LESSON READS:

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (sung by Cantor and/or Choir)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia. [Revelation 22:13]

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

* GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

Then Pilate ente³³red the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born,

and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Holy and Ancient One, by your Spirit give the church vision to be your kingdom on earth, that freed from our sins we testify to your truth in the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Since the world began you have nourished creation. Continue to keep all you have made in your redeeming care. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Guide the leaders of nations to govern their people justly and wisely, that your will be done on earth as in heaven. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Grant grace and peace to all who suffer the trials of this world (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and Ryan Keresey, Sarah Dressler, Haylee Yocum, Gene Rhine, Jesse Kint, Susan Minick, Paul Woltman, Tammy Walton, Josh Beitz, Eric St. Clair, Jeanette St. Clair, Matt Hutchinson,

Cade Clark, Linda

Farleman, JoAnn Beale, Lura Aughey, Herbert Burd, Joe and Pat Forney, Dave Phelan, Jim McClure, and family of Paul Woltman). Lift their oppression and heal their wounds. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Lead us forth from this assembly to make your sovereignty known in faithful service to you and in loving care for one another. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We give thanks for (Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, and) all the saints who belong to you. Bring us at last to sing a triumphant song with Jesus Christ, firstborn of the dead, and all the company of heaven. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

ANTHEM

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: (sung)

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Goodness is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death. Taste the goodness and life of God.

*** LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).

DISTRIBUTION

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)**

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

P The love of God who created you, the mercy of + Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Soon and Very Soon"

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE by Andrea Cameron, Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the Bishop of the Synod to preside at the Lord's Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Andrea as our worship leader this morning and pray God's blessing on her as she ministers to us this morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office. THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Joyce and Mickey Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

JUST A THOUGHT – Stanley High The Evangel: We've got to recognize that we are not working (primarily) for a peaceful world. Peace will be a by-product of something else. We are working for a world of justice and rightness. Peace is a by-product of justice and mercy.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2013 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY will meet on Monday, November 26, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

DECORATING OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012. A light lunch will be provided following the worship service prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 dozen cookies. Decorating will follow lunch.

CHRISTMAS GREENS (Service of the Manger) will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2012 during the worship service. Please bring a nativity figure from your manger at home.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES by Augsburg Fortress are available in the church office for anyone who would like one. Cost is normally \$35.00 but we were able to get them at the sale price of \$18.75 plus shipping.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6½" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the "can tree" in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area for their Christmas Festival. Please bring a Christmas or favorite reading for devotions and a "goodie" for the refreshment table.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 6 children this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Sunday School Room by December 2, 2012.

THANKOFFERING ENVELOPES may still be returned to help the Churchwide Women of the ELCA with their many projects. Envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to "Messiah Women of the ELCA."

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

WE NEED YOUR HELP – Through ELCA Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is responding in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. In the Caribbean, through our global church partnerships, we are providing basic needs such as food, water and shelter. Throughout the United States we are working hand-in-hand with synods and ministry organizations, who are experts at outreach in their communities. **Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Sandy" will be used entirely (100 percent) in response to this disaster.** Join the ELCA Disaster Response and help provide the type of immediate and long-lasting support that is already underway in the affected regions.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE will be held December 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church for those who are having a difficult time as a result of a death, job loss, health concern, or general sadness this Christmas season. You do not need to be alone in your pain. Come join us and hear prayers, scripture and music that acknowledge God's presence with us.

PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE – The DeLauter Youth Center has an opening for a Director/Coordinator of youth activities beginning January 1, 2013. The center is open from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Students from grades 9-12 come Tuesday nights and students from grades 4-8 come Thursday nights. Volunteer help is set up for Thursday nights with the younger students. Approximately 15 to 25 students participate each night. Total number of work hours is about 5 hours per week. The director/coordinator is responsible to organize basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, etc. each night. There is a computer room and pool room downstairs separate from the gym and a small game room upstairs with lots of equipment and supplies. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and must enjoy supervising students. This is a paid hourly position. The Center is open October through May and closed in the summer. If you are interested, please contact Fred Harris at 436-8706 or Ed Beaver at 436-9382.

THE FINAL TWO COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on Monday, December 3 and Tuesday, December 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Juniata High School music room. This year's 16th annual Christmas Cantata performance "Season of Wonders" will be held Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School auditorium.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

BASIC NEEDS:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL AND BABY CARE PRODUCTS, PAPER AND CLEANING SUPPLIES.

HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS:

TURKEYS, CRANBERRY SAUCE, STUFFING, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, GRAVY MIX, CAKE MIX AND READY MADE ICING.

SHOEBOXES FOR CHRISTMAS – If there is a youth group or Sunday School class looking for a special project for Christmas, the Food Pantry is asking area churches to collect children's gifts packed in shoeboxes to distribute to the children of the families who come to the Food Pantry for help. There are about 350 children each month. If you would like information on what items to pack, please contact Kathy Queitzsch at the Food Pantry at 436-9718 or email at jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding a blood drive on Friday, November 30, 2012 at the Walker Grange Hall from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. (William Penn Hwy., Mexico. Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate blood safely every 56 days. Donors should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 Red Cross.

NURSE'S NOTES – Wait half an hour after eating to decide if you really want dessert. This gives your brain, stomach, and intestines time to communicate how full you actually are. Whenever possible, finish lunch and dinner with a hot beverage (preferably not loaded with sugar, fat and calories), and sip it slowly. It gives your brain time to register that you are full and satisfied and provides a nice sense of closure. (*Katz, David L. [September & October 2012], *Prevention Magazine*, pg. 131 and pg. 142 respectively) *Dr. Katz is one of the magazine's advisors.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:**
- Christ the King.
 - FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.
 - 9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 - 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
 - Pastor Esborn on vacation through November 28. If you need a Pastor during that time, please contact Pastor Chris Mathiason at 463-2490.
- Monday:**
- 6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in choir room.
 - 8 p.m., AA meeting.
- Tuesday:**
- 9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:**
- 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Friday:**
- 6 p.m., Showers Class Christmas Banquet at Turbett Grange Hall (bring item for the Food Pantry).
- Sunday:**
- First Sunday in Advent.
 - 9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
 - 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
 - 11:30 a.m., Lunch in Fellowship Hall (bring 1-2 doz. Cookies).
 - 1 p.m., Church decorating.